

REMARKS

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the remarks and analysis contained in the Office Action. Claims 1, 3, 10, 13 and 15 are amended. New claims 21 and 22 are added. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of this application.

The drawings were objected to as allegedly now showing "the alignment portion selectively moveable out of an operative position relative to the seat holder." Applicant respectfully points the Examiner's attention to Figure 2 which shows one example such position. Paragraph 32 has been amended above to clarify this fact. No new matter has been added in the amendment to the specification.

The other amendment to the specification is intended to address the objection raised by the Examiner in paragraph 2 of the Office Action.

Claims 3-6 and 13-17 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph. Claims 3 and 13 have been amended above to address the Examiner's concerns.

Claims 1-20 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by *Katsuta, et al.* Applicant respectfully submits that there is no anticipation. *Katsuta, et al.* relies upon an arrangement where the cylinders 33 and 34 are actuated along with the cylinders 15 and 16 being actuated. There is no passive release of a bias in the operation of the *Katsuta, et al.* device. *Katsuta, et al.* teaches the opposite of what is claimed. It is clear from the description and drawings of *Katsuta, et al.* that the cylinders 16 must be actuated to be extended, for example, to move the portion 10 in a downward direction as taught by that reference. Similarly, *Katsuta, et al.* teaches that the cylinder 15 is "actuated" to cause the movement simultaneous with movement of the cylinders 33.

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Additionally the subject matter of originally presented claims 5, 6, 9, 16 and 19 are not shown in the *Katsuta, et al.* reference. Reading that reference on those claims is not a proper interpretation of the reference.

Respectfully submitted,

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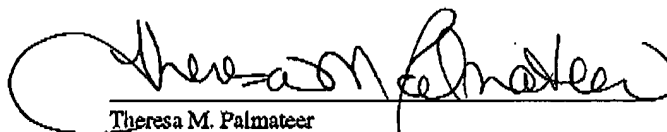
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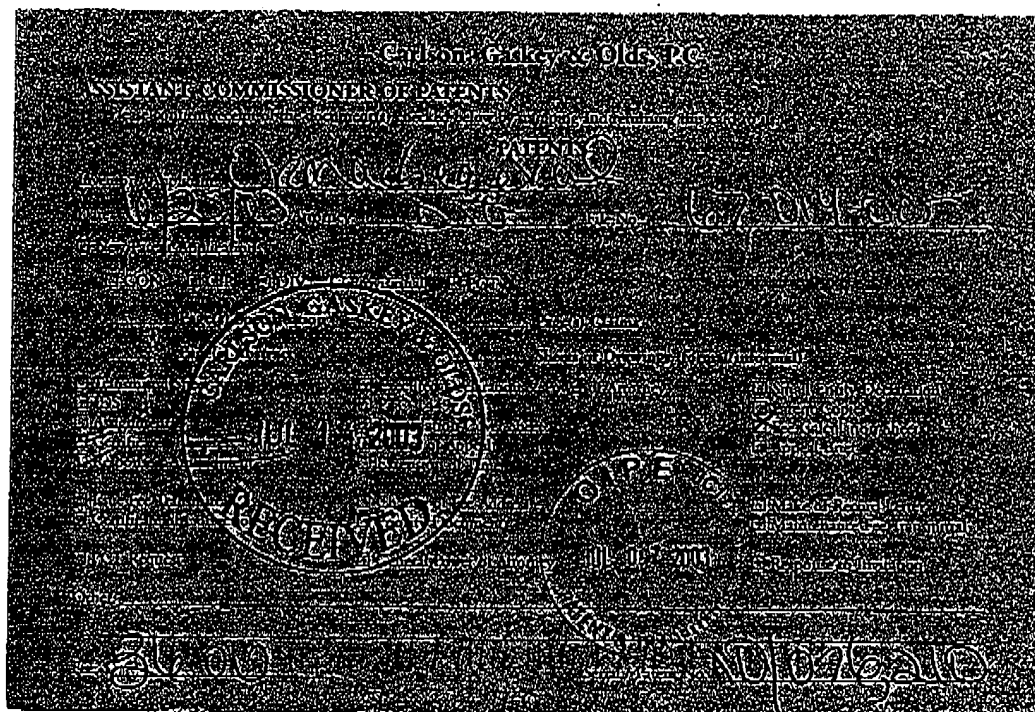
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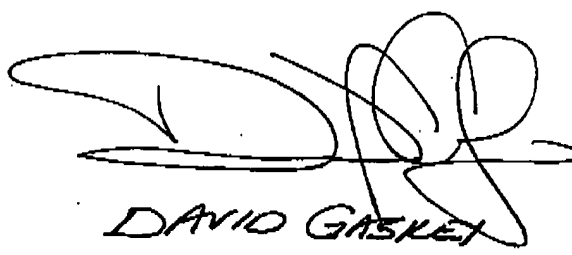


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